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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ALLEGED CUBAN MILITARY AID TO BURUNDI

REF BUJUMBURA 292 (NOTAL)

1. PROF WARREN WEINSTIN (IILED, VISITING IN CONNECTION
WITH UPCOMING GOR-SPONSORED HUMAN RIGHTS COLLOQUIUM)
REPORTS HE WAS TOLD BY TWO BELGIAN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
PERSONNEL IN BUTARE THAT ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN BURUNDI
GOVERNMENT AND CUBANS INCLUDES NOT ONLY OPENING CUBAN
EMBASSY IN BUJUMBURA (REFTEL) BUT ALSO CUBAN MILITARY
TRAINING MISSION TO BURUNDI TO BE COMPOSED OF SOME FIFTY
CUBAN ARMY OFFICERS AND TRAINING PERSONNEL. SOURCES
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TOLD WEINSTIN THAT WESTERN MILITARY OFFICERS IN BUJUMBURA
(NOTABLY FRENCH) WERE EXTREMELY EXERCISED OVER
ALLEGED CUBAN MILITARY AID.

2. EINSTIN NOTES HE HEARD NOTHING OF THIS SORT FROM
ANY SOURCE WHILE IN BUJUMBURA LAST WEEK AND HAS NO BASIS
ON WHICH TO EVALUATE REPORT. THIS EMBASSY HAS FLOATED

REPORT DISCREETLY WITH FRENCH HERE, WHO APPARENTLY HAD NO INDLING OF STORY THEMSELVES NOR HAVE RWANDAN MILITARY OFFICERS, WITH WHOM WE WERE IN EXTENSIVE CONTACT DURING PAST WEEKEND, MENTIONED ANYTHING OF THIS SORT THOUGH THEY WOULD PROBABLY LEARN VERY QUICKLY OF SUCH CUBAN PENETRATION AND COULD BE EXPECTED TO MENTION IT TO SU.

3. COMMENT: STRONGLY SUSPECT RUMOR MILL HAS TAKEN REPORT ABOUT CUBAN EMBASSY OPENING AND BLOWN OUR OF PROPORTION. CRIGLER UNQUOTE COOPER

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